

FORT CARSON KICKS OFF THIRD YEAR OF SUSTAINABILITY WITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Fort Carson, as a sign of its ongoing commitment to the sustainability of the Pikes Peak region, is hosting its third Annual Community Sustainability Conference Oct. 6 at the Doubletree World Arena. The conference is scheduled from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free to the public.

Several leading sustainability advocates including, L. Hunter Lovins, founder and president of, Natural Capitalism Solutions and George A. Carellas, Assistant for Sustainability Environment, Safety and Occupational Health for the Assistant Secretary of the Army will speak during the conference. Welcoming remarks will be made by Colorado Springs Mayor, Hon. Lionel Rivera and Fort Carson's Commanding General MG Robert Wilson and Garrison Commander COL Michael Resty will host the conference

Fort Carson's Sustainability Program is making notable strides in attaining the 25-year goals, formulated and adopted during the initial conference in 2002. The 2004 conference will update stakeholders on Fort Carson's sustainability progress and focus on developing sustainability strategies for key areas.

The sustainability program focuses not only on taking care of the future of Fort Carson it also takes into account the Mountain Post's role as a neighbor to the region, working closely with key companies, utilities and local governments to insure that sustainability efforts are beneficial to the entire region.

Four key areas will be emphasized during the conference: sustainable procurement, transportation planning, energy management and sustainable leadership:

■ SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS STRATEGIES FOR GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: Fort Carson's journey to sustainability includes a gradual shift toward preferences for more environmentally and socially responsible products and vendors. Many other businesses, governments and citizen buyers are on the same path. This workshop will help Colorado businesses of all sizes understand all the advantages

of sustainability strategies, with a particular focus on government procurement processes and regional military procurement opportunities. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo and the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce.

■ SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING:

Cities, regions and large organizations such as military installations or businesses face strong challenges to plan and implement transportation systems that better meet sustainability goals. This workshop will focus on transportation planning in the Pikes Peak region, Fort Carson's goals and challenges and innovative hydrogen fuel development projects in Fort Collins, Colo. Featuring presentations by Fort Carson, Springs Transit, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments and the City of Fort Collins

■ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT:

Beginning with a summary of the sustainability impacts of energy production and use and "sustainable energy" concepts, the workshop will focus on technologies and strategies that can be profitably used in business and government facilities today, with an emphasis on those that are easily accomplished.

■ LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY: Capturing the advantages of sustainability requires leadership attuned to creativity, risk-taking, and long-term, whole-system thinking. These skills must be successfully integrated with existing decision-making and leadership training systems. This workshop will explore and develop the skills needed for successful leadership for sustainability in organizations and communities.

Please **RSVP by Oct. 4** by e-mailing birgitte.dodd @carson.army.mil or calling the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management (DECAM) at **(719) 526-2022**. The conference is made available to participants at no charge by Fort Carson.